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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR MARCH 9

JOSHUA, PATRIOT AND LEADER.

LESSON TEXT—Joshua 1:1-8.

GOLDEN TEXT—Be strong and of a good courage.—Joshua 1:9.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL — Joshua 1:10-17; 4:14.

PRIMARY TOPIC—A story of a brave leader.—Memory verse, Joshua 1:8.

JUNIOR TOPIC—How we may fight like Joshua.—Memory verse, Eph. 6:10.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—When to be brave.

The book of Joshua is a history of the conquest of the promised land, and its appointment among the tribes of Israel. It takes its name from its principal character—Joshua. During the wilderness journey he was Moses' minister, and captain of his army. When Moses was denied the privilege of going over the Jordan, Joshua was appointed to the leadership of Israel. Being so long faithful as a servant, he is now qualified to rule. Only those who have themselves learned to obey are fit to rule. Moses, the representative of the law, brought Israel to the borders of Canaan. Joshua was the man chosen to lead the people into the place of rest. The name Joshua has the same derivation as the name "Jesus." The law (Moses) was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ; but Christ (our Joshua) has given us victory and rest.

I. Joshua's Call (1:1,2).

Moses, God's servant, is dead, but God's work must go on. He continues his work by calling others to take it up, though he buries his workers. Joshua, no doubt, was sorrowful over the loss of his master, but there is no time for mourning. The best way to cure our griefs and sorrows is to take up courageously the burdens and responsibilities which our leaders have laid down.

II. God Renews His Promise of the Land to Israel (1:3, 4).

The promise had been made to Abraham, and renewed to Isaac, Jacob and Moses. It is now renewed to Israel when they are about to enter upon its possession. The borders of the land were quite large (v. 4) "From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast." The nearest it was ever possessed was during the reigns of David and Solomon, though not then fully realized. This country still belongs to the Jews, and in God's own time they shall possess it. Their getting possession of this land was due entirely to themselves. God promised them, that wherever their feet set upon the land it was theirs. If they failed to make possession it was because they failed to claim it. We would not enjoy larger blessings if we would claim them.

III. God's Presence Promised to Joshua (1:5).

Joshua was entering upon a perilous and difficult enterprise, but the Lord said as he was with Moses so would he be with him. The difficulties before him were:

1. The Jordan river (v. 2). It was now at its flood (3:15), making it impossible for armies to cross.

2. In the land the people were living in walled cities. Notwithstanding this, God's long journey ended in victory. "I will not fail thee nor forsake thee." (2) "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee." (5) "As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee."

IV. Conditions of Blessings in the Land (1:6-8).

1. "Be strong and of a good courage" (v. 6). His mission was to go in and divide the land among the tribes for an inheritance. God could not bless him if he should play the coward.

2. Unwavering obedience to the word of God (v. 7). In a land of idolatry it requires much courage to obey the true God. The prosperity and good success was conditional upon unfaltering obedience to God's commands. In all his work he must conform his life to the law of God. To turn from the path outlined therein would bring disaster and ruin. In order to accomplish this the law of the Lord must constantly be in his mouth. He was to meditate therein day and night. If we are to prosper in our Christian experience there must be that regular and reverent study of God's Word. Joshua gives prompt obedience. He did not stop to cavil but at once gave orders for the march. God made the plan and gave the directions. His responsibility was to go forward without doubting, taking possession of the inheritance.

Sacrifice.

A work that requires no sacrifice does not count for much in fulfilling God's plans. But what is commonly called sacrifice is the best, simplest use of one's self and one's resources—the best investment of time, strength, and means. He who makes no such sacrifice is most to be pitied. He is a heathen because he knows nothing of God.—Samuel Chapman Armstrong.

Thy Friend.

Make not thy friend too cheap to thee, nor thyself to thy friend.—Feltor.

To aid in teaching languages a French phonograph displays printed words and phrases as their sounds are produced by their records.

Letters From France
(Continued from page 1)

o tell her about what I saw in France and Germany, and of the Front, for it was some place, you bet.

No, mama, I haven't got Mamie's letter, yet, but I wrote to nee Xmas and will write again in a few days I have to write to Vernon and Alice tonight, and also to Mac, if I can get the time. I am always glad to hear from my friends around home and about the country over there. Wish I could see some of them; would be so glad to see Ernie right now, for he is a good scout.

Well, guess I'll be home in time to milk my cow; hope so, anyway, for I'm tired and sick of Europe. The dear old U. S. A. for me I am ready to start home any time; hope to be there by Easter Sunday; but may have to spend my Easter in Europe. Don't know when Uncle Sam is going to send me home; but soon, I hope.

Tell Bessie I know of nothing to write now; but am glad to hear from any of my friends

You ask about the boys who left Appomattox; they are all o. k. that came with me; I don't know anything about the rest of them, except the two Dickerson boys. They are in the 59th infantry, and are o. k

Guess I'd better stop and go downstairs and help get supper. Will write again in a few days.

From Pvt Sterling Franklin, Co. A, 10th M. G. Bn., now in Germany, to the Editor Times-Virginian.

Hawthorn, Germany,
Jan. 31, 1919.

Dear Editor:

I have received two copies of the Times-Virginian and I made me think of home; so I am going to write a few lines.

The weather is not very pleasant now, as there is snow on the ground.

Well, friends, I am going to tell you of my experience four months, to the day, from the time I left Appomattox. I went over the top, with the rest of my company, and carried two boxes of machine gun ammunition, advanced 12 kilometers—this the 26th of September—and two days later advanced several more kilometers.

I see a good many letters from France in the Times Virginian.

Glad you folks don't know how the boys long to be home. We were told we didn't come over here to stay, but to fight; and, as we have whipped the Hun, send us home. Some of the boys try to aid me almost every day, and ask me why I want to go home They say that, because I work in the officers' mess and get plenty of good "chow," they don't see why I should want to go home. But give me mother's cooking every time, instead of a man's cooking, in the army. If you want to start an argument with the boys, just talk about mother's good pies and cakes, and you'll cure have it right then, believe me.

I've been in France and Germany for six months. So I can put on a service stripe now. I already have the Fourth Division Signature, which is four ivory leaves worked in green silk on a piece of O. D. cloth.

I was in France four months before I had a letter from home. Sol you don't know how glad the boys are to get a letter from any of his old friends in the States; it makes them know they haven't forgotten them.

I suppose we'll be over here for a long time, from what I can hear—about another 12 months. But I hope not, for I long to see my friends in old Appomattox.

Well, if any of you folks want to give a poor soldier's heart pleasure, write to me sometime; I sure will be glad to hear from any of my friends.

Will close for this time. If the editor is so kind as to print this I will try and write another sometime.

Will tell you all about my life at the Front when I get back.

Good luck to all the readers of the Times Virginian.

From Pvt. Robert L. McFaden to his mother, Mrs. Lucy McFaden.

France, Dec. 24

Dear Mother:

I will tonight answer your letter. Was so glad to hear from all. This leaves me well, and hope you are all well.

The card I am enclosing shows you the way we made the Huns run. I am glad to say we have m de the world free again.

I was awfully sorry to hear about Ed Gunter and Nathaniel Stanley being dead. I never did see either one over here. But some had to be left on the battle field. Lots of our boys were killed in this great war but I have hopes of being back with you soon.

I had been at the Front 20 days, and was back for a rest when the last battle was fought. The whole 80th division was pulled back out of battle.

I suppose there were great times in the States when peace was signed. It was a glorious time in France. I know all the boys around were glad when they heard the war was over; I know I was. This war had been going on so long although I didn't get a scratch.

I am in the southern part of France now.

I sure would love to see you all. It has been almost a year since I was at home.

Well, tonight is Xmas Eve, and I am a long way from home; would so much love to be with you all tonight. Hope it won't be long before we can all for the old U. S. A.

Hope you will have a merry Christmas, even if I can't be with you. Tell Mattie and Sweetie I am thinking tonight of how we used to fix for Santa Claus on Xmas Eve nights.

I received the money you sent me. Had almost forgotten how U. S. money looked. Am going to keep it as a souvenir.

Will close, as I hope to see you soon and tell you all about my trip. Love and best wishes for all a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

From Private Duff M. Martin to his mother, Mrs. S. R. Martin.

Antwiler, Germany,
Dec 19. 1918.

My dearest Mother:

Will tonight spend my time in writing you a few lines to let you hear from me This leaves me well and truly hope it will find you all well and doing well.

Mother, I know it has been a long time since I wrote you a letter, but will do better now.

Am in Germany now. Have passed some pretty little towns in Germany and like fine here. We have a nice place to stay. I am rooming with a German family.

Say, tell my old pals around there I was going to Germany and now I am here.

Guess there were some glad souls in the old U. S. when they heard that the guns had stopped firing; know I was and will be much gladder when the day comes for us to go back to the U. S. Well, mother, this Christmas I am many more miles from you all than I have ever been. I wish you all a merry Xmas and a happy new year and be as happy as if I was there. Guess I will take mine in Germany and make myself as happy as if I was there Hope it won't be long before I will be there.

Will send you a card of the town I am in now.

Have not seen Allen Martin since I came over; don't know where he is

I sure was sorry to hear that Price was dead; guess it went hard with his mother.

You say Hallie is married. Guess it is the best for her

Won't write anymore tonight; will write again soon. Have had two letters from you since I have been over here. Have not heard from any of the girls yet.

Will close for this time Answer soon, and don't worry about me for I am all right and think I will see you all soon. Give all my love and may God be with you till we meet again.

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Letters From France

From Pvt. Marion M. Ponton, Military Police, to the Editor Times-Virginian.

Ancy le France,
Feb. 7, 1919.

Dear Editor:

I have received two copies of your paper, the latest one dated Dec. 11, 1918, and don't hardly know how to start to tell you how much I enjoyed reading them. It was almost like coming back home. I never knew, before, there was so much news in the old Times-Virginian.

I have safely passed through the war and am now hoping to be back in Appomattox soon.

Thanking you again for your papers and hoping to receive them often, and wishing all of the Appomattox people the best of luck, I will close for this time.

From Private Herman V. Thackston, 122d Engineers Regiment, Co. A., to his sister, Sallie Ethel Thackston.

France, Feb. 1.

My dear Sister:

It has been about two weeks since I have written to you; would have written before this, but have been in the hospital for thirteen days, with the mumps. Was right sick for three or four days, and you just ought to have seen me with my fat face.

The hospital is about fourteen miles from here, over at a Belgian camp. I am feeling pretty good, and getting on all right now, and am back with my company at Camp La Main

I sent you all a box of souvenirs about two weeks ago, and expected to write you a letter soon after sending it, but had to leave for hospital next day; hope you got the box all right.

Am mighty anxious to see you all, and to get home, for know I am needed there, and badly too They say we will call some time this month, and certainly hope we will.

We have right much fun with the French girls; some of them speak pretty good English

This is getting to be some large country; is the center Embarkation camp of France. All the soldiers going home come through this camp.

Hope you are well and getting on fine.

You must write to me real often and tell me all the news, for I enjoy your letters so much.

Lots of love to you all.

From Sgt. Hal T. Baber, Co. K, 318th Inf., to his sister, Mrs. N. S. Ragland.

Verdnette, France,
January 12.

Dear Sister:

Just a few lines to let you hear from me. I am well and happy at present and sincerely trust this will find you and all well and getting on all right.

Well, Myrle, how is everything in the good old U. S. A now? Suppose times are much better since the armistice Certainly hope everything will be flourishing when I get back; and think I will be with you by Easter. So you had better get a lot of custard pies on hand, for after I get there Mama and I are going straight to your house.

Since I've been over here I've had some hardships to face,but I thank my God day and night that he spared me to go through the great struggle

I was at the Front four different times and "over the top" each time. My division had just been relieved when the armistice was signed. We are now back in a large training area, drilling about five hours a day, and having a good time the rest of the time.

Well, sister, I haven't got much to write, but will have lot to tell you when I come.

Lots of love to you and the children.

From Private Robert L. McFaden to his sister, Miss Mattie McFaden.

France, Dec. 26

Dear Mattie:

I will answer your letter received a few days ago. Was glad to hear from you all This leaves me well and I hope these few lines will find you all well.

Tell, Mother, I will be home to see you all soon, for we have whipped the Huns.

Today is the second day in Christmas, and there is snow on the ground; but it doesn't look like Xmas to me, because I am not at home with you all. We had a nice Xmas dinner yesterday

Tell Mother I received the package she sent me, yesterday, and it sure was a nice Xmas present; many thanks for it Hope you all are having a nice Xmas.

Tell Warner I hope to be with him soon and help him kill some rabbits and squirrels.

I will close with best wishes for a merry Xmas and a happy new year. Answer soon.

Bethlehem

The recent rains have made right much of a halt in farm work—too wet to plow and not enough rain for a tobacco season. Some of the farmers around here have the most of their crop yet to market.

Mr. Oscar Towler and Miss Bassie Canada were united in marriage in Roanoke, Saturday, March 1st. They left here Friday night, February 28, accompanied by his sister, Miss Belle Towler, and brother, Walter; also Miss Annie Canada and brother, sister and brother of the bride This came as a surprise to many of their friends, as it was not made known until after they departed for the city of Roanoke. The bride is one of the popular teachers in the Bethlehem high school. They will reside at this place, where Mr. Towler is engaged in farming. We wish to extend best wishes for a long and happy life.

Mr. Thomas Garnett and Mr. Geo. Martin, who have been honorably discharged from war service, have just returned home. We are glad to have them in our midst again. They say there is no place like home, sweet home.

Mrs. N. A. Bell and Mrs. Geo. Oliver, who have been quite sick, are now improving.

Mr. Andrew Baker and family have been to Richmond twice in the last ten days to hear the Rev. Wm. A. Sunday.

Mr. Geo. Oliver had the misfortune to be thrown from his horse on Thursday last, breaking his right arm near the wrist. Dr. Martin was immediately called in and we trust he may soon be able to resume his work.

Miss Mary Atwell, of Abellne, an aged lady who had lived alone for many years, died Monday night after a stroke of apoplexy. She was stricken Sunday.

Miss Josephine Towler, of Appomattox High School, was the week-end guest of her home people.

We understand that several of the young men around here expect to purchase cars in the early spring. Guess we will then find out who their best girls are

Mr. J. M. Martin has just purchased a kerosene traction engine for farm work. Let us watch Mr. Martin and see if it would be wise to follow his example.

Mr. Shelton, County Demonstrator, was with us at the school room on Friday night, Feb 14th, to discuss the gray soil road that we want to be run from Bethlehem to Otaheite C. H. We are going to make a great effort for this road and feel sure that we will get it.

"POLLY."

$60 Bonus to be Paid Soldiers Discharged Since April 5, 1917.

Section 1406 of the Revenue Act approved Feb. 24, 1919, authorizes the payment of a bonus of $60 to officers, soldiers, field clerks and nurses of the Army upon honorable separation from active service by discharge, resignation or other wise. This bonus is not payable to the heirs or representatives of any deceased soldier.

Those who are discharged hereafter will receive this bonus on the same roll or voucher upon which they are paid their final pay.

Those who have been discharged and have received their final pay without the $60 bonus, should write a letter to the Zone Finance Officer, Lem on Building, Washington, D. C., stating their service since April 6, 1917, the date of last discharge and their present address to which they desire their bonus checks to be sent, discharge certificate or military order for discharge, and both, if both were issued.

Upon the receipt by the Zone Finance Officer, Washington, D. C., of this information and the soldier's discharge certificate, this officer will cause checks to be drawn and mailed to the claimants in the order in which their claims were received by him. The discharge certificate will be returned to the soldier with the check.

It is estimated that at least one million and a quarter persons have been discharged from the service who are entitled to the benefits of this Act, and while payments will be made as expeditiously as practicable, it will manifestly take considerable time to write and mail this many checks.

States Help Tuberculosis Work

Legislatures in 23 States that have convened recently are expected to appropriate nearly $3,000,000 for eradication of tuberculosis from live stock, according to reports to the Bureau of Animal Industry. Much of this money is expected to be appropriated for indemnifying owners for cattle destroyed because of tuberculosis, and in most cases carries the understanding that partial indemnity will be made by the Federal Government, according to a recent act of Congress. In States where it is necessary to change the laws relating to tuberculosis eradication in order to cooperate with the Federal Government and receive Federal assistance in indemnification, necessary changes are expected to be made. Dr. J. A. Kernan, in charge of tuberculosis eradication work of the Bureau of Animal Industry, says that the great interest being shown by State legislatures is good evidence that the importance of tuberculosis eradication is realized and that Federal cooperation is appreciated

Few Death Sentences

Life imprisonment sentences in Virginia have materially increased in recent years, and there has been shown a corresponding decrease in sentences imposing the death penalty. The old law of the State provided that the first degree murderer should be punishable by death, but in 1914 an act was passed making it a matter of discretion as to whether the penalty should be death or life imprisonment. During the ten years that the electric chair has been in operation at the penitentiary it has claimed 93 victims. During the whole of last year but three persons were executed, and so far this year four have been no executions in Virginia. Only one woman, a negress from Hampton, has been electrocuted in the State. Of the 93 victims of the chair, ten were white and 83 were negroes.

No Chance, This!

Furthermore, why do they call an ear-splitting whistle a "siren?" Our understanding of a siren is that people don't try to get way from it.—Galveston News.

OLD BUCKINGHAM.

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Many Interesting Reports Made of Her People.

Saturday is the busy day at Dillwyn and the merchants there, who have made money hand over fist, seem still as eager to get the dollar as they were when their purchasing value was three times as great as under present conditions.

Railroad ties selling at from 50c to $1.10; lumber from $20 per thousand feet up; mill feed $3.10 per sack; hay $35 a ton or from $2.85 to $1.90 per hundred retail; Irish potatoes retailing at $1.75 per bushel

Mr. F. H. Spencer has had nice fresh fish on the market here at 5c a pound for trout, and they are very nice indeed.

It seems like the county offices may go begging. Mr. Lewis Williams declines to be again a candidate to succeed himself as sheriff. Mr. Matt Layne declines to be a candidate for supervisorship in State River, and so on down the line.

Mrs. A. S. Hall was a visitor in Richmond last week.

Mrs. Virginia Harris spent the past week with her mother, Mr. Fitzpatrick.

Professor G. L. Brown was feeling quite badly some days last week, but is better now.

A new ruling of express people requires the labels on boxes to be put on each end, and they require nides to be shipped in tubs that will not leak.

The market price of veal calves is one lower still, and it is to be hoped may go still lower and force farmers to keep their calves until they will pay to beef.

Miss Ella Moss died very suddenly at the home of her brother, Mr. Willie Moss, one night last week.

Work oxen are in demand and selling at from $100 up as high as $200 for choice large, well-matched teams not over 6 years old.

The price of corn varies with the location where it is for sale. The lowest price reported now is $7 a barrel, while others are holding it for $10. Before the Civil war there was one year when corn sold at $10 a barrel. I am told by old people or rather by old people who were then living, that there was frost every month that year but one.

Agents selling the "Home Comfort Range" have been round in this county selling them at $100 cash or $107 on two years' time.

Before this is read the March term of circuit court here will have been held, if Judge Handley can get here. There is a negro boy in jail to be tried for stealing.

Reduced Postage On First Class Mail

Official notice has been received by the postmaster that on and after July 1st, next, the rate of postage on all mail matter of the first class will be reduced to two cents per ounce or fraction thereof. Postal cards will be reduced to the old rate of one cent each.

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